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SUBJ: QUARTERLY REPORT ON INFLOW OF REFUGEES INTO THAILAND:
THIRD QUARTER 1977

1. THERE WAS A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN BOAT CASE ARRIVALS IN THAILAND DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1977, AS WELL AS AN ACCELERATION OF THE MONTHLY RATE OF ARRIVALS. THE PROOF IS THAT, DESPITE OVER 550 REFUGEE DEPARTURES FOR THIRD COUNTRIES, THE BOAT CAMP POPULATION ALSO INCREASED. THE INLAND CAMP POPULATION GREW BY ABOUT 3,000 PER MONTH. MOST OF THESE NEW ARRIVALS ARE IN THE NORTHEASTERN CAMPS, IN PARTICULAR NONGKHAI AND UBON. THE POPULATION OF THE INLAND CAMPS IN THE NORTH AND SOUTHEAST REMAINS RELATIVELY UNCHANGED.

2. FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS, DRAWN FROM UNHCR DATA, ON THE FLOW OF REFUGEES INTO THAILAND DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1977.

3. A. BOAT CASES

	JUL	AUG	SEP
POPULATION FIRST OF MONTH	2,071	2,013	2,118
PLUS NEW ARRIVALS ADMITTED TO CAMPS	169	152	285
SUBTOTAL	2,240	2,165	2,403
LESS DEPARTURES FOR RESETTLEMENT			

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ABROAD DURING MONTH	227	47	307
PLUS NEW ARRIVALS THAT RTG HAD NOT			
OFFICIAL CAMP POP. END OF MONTH	2,013	2,118	2,096
OFFICIALLY PERMITTED TO LAND	21	65	122
ACTUAL CAMP POP. END OF MONTH	2,034	2,183	2,218

B. INLAND CAMP CASES

POPULATION FIRST OF MONTH	79,936	84,246	87,357
PLUS NEW ARRIVALS	4,775	3,716	3,661
SUBTOTAL	84,711	87,962	91,018
LESS DEPARTURES FOR RESETTLEMENT			
ABROAD DURING MONTH	465	605	653
POPULATION END OF MONTH	84,246	87,357	90,365
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